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1. DURING CALL WITH AMBASSADOR LYDMAN ON FOREIGN
MINISTER MALIK OCTOBER 16, I ASKED LATTER TO COMMENT

ON ASEAN RELATIONSHIPS, NOTING THAT IT WAS MY IMPRESSION
THAT CONSULTATIONS IN ASEAN HAD GROWN IN RANGE AND INTIMACY
OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. MALIK SAID THIS WAS TRUE BUT
THAT T HERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR CONSOLIDATION AND BETTER
FOCUS OF EFFORT. ASEAN WOULD ALWAYS HAVE ITS LIMITATIONS,
MALIK SAID, BECAUSE OF THE INDEPENDENT INTEREST OF THE
COUNTRIES CONCERNED.
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2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING MUCH FURTHER HE COULD DO IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT BETQLEN MARCOS AND THE MALAYSIANS ON SETTLEMENT OF THE SABAH CLAIM. HE SAID RAZAK AND GHAZALI HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY DIDN'T TRUST MARCOS. MALIK SAID, "I DO TRUST MARCOS IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF HIS PROBLEM WITH THE MOSLEMS AND THE FACT HE HAS ASKED ME TO BE THE INTERMEDIARY. IN THIS INSTANCE, "HE REPEATED, "I TRUST MARCOS." MARCOS HAD AGREED TO ELIMINATE THE SABAH CLAIMS BUT RAZAK HAS REFUSED TO RESPOND, MALIK SAID. "UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS NOTHING MORE I CAN DO," HE CONCLUDED.
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